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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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for AN ALLOY STEEL COMPOSITION. The application text comprises 14 pages including an 8-page specification, 16 claims, an Abstract, and two sheets of drawings depicting Figures 1-2.

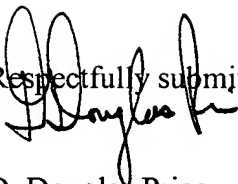
A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

A Claim For Foreign Priority including a certified copy of Australian Provisional Patent Application No. 2003904931, filed September 9, 2003, will be filed in due course.

This application is being filed under 35 CFR 1.53 (without Declaration or filing fee). The required Declaration and filing fee will be filed subsequently.

Should a fee be necessary to obtain a filing date, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.492 during pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 19-4293.

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Respectfully submitted,


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